

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below, in clean form, for clarity.

~~1~~ 41. A method of playing a group participation wagering game in combination with an individual participation wagering game, the method comprising:

forming a group comprised of a plurality of entrants wherein each of said entrants has made a wager on an outcome of the individual participation wagering game and an additional wager to participate in the group participation wagering game;

determining whether a winning outcome is achieved in the individual participation wagering game wherein if a winning outcome is achieved in the individual participation wagering game, an individual prize amount is determined;

allocating a multiplier value to the group participation wagering game, said multiplier value allocated from a plurality of multiplier values capable of being applied to said individual prize amount, wherein each said entrant in the group participation wagering game who achieved a winning outcome in the individual participation wagering game is guaranteed to have said multiplier applied to said individual prize amount; and

determining a total prize amount for each said entrant wherein each said entrant's total prize amount is equal to said entrant's individual prize amount multiplied by said multiplier value.

~~2~~ 42. The method of claim ~~41~~ wherein a plurality of individual prize amounts are determined and each individual prize amount is multiplied by said multiplier value.

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Cont A method of playing a multiplier game in combination with a base game, said multiplier game being independent of said base game, said method comprising: making a wager on an outcome of the base game thereby enabling a player to participate in the multiplier game;

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determining whether the outcome of the base game comprises a winning outcome for said player wherein a prize amount is determined when the winning outcome is achieved in the base game;

allocated a multiplier value to the multiplier game, said multiplier value allocated from a plurality of multiplier values capable of being applied to said prize amount, wherein said player of the multiplier game is guaranteed to have said multiplier value applied to a prize amount won in the base game; and

determining a total prize amount for said player in the multiplier game wherein said player's total prize amount is equal to said prize amount won in the base game multiplied by said multiplier value.

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The method of claim 43 wherein upon achieving a winning outcome in the base game, said player is guaranteed to have a multiplier value applied to said prize amount won in the base game irrespective of having achieved a winning outcome in the multiplier game.

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